

**Minutes of the East Greenwich School Committee**

**Tuesday, October 5, 2010**

**Hanaford School Cafeteria**

**200 Middle Road**

**East Greenwich, RI 02818**

**ANY ITEMS ON THE AGENDA MAY BE SUBJECT TO A VOTE**

**6:15p.m. Mrs. Winters made a motion which was seconded by Mrs. Records to go into Executive Session under RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (1) and (a) (2) to discuss potential litigation – Field’s project and legal review and contract renewal discussion.**

**7:05p.m. Mrs. Winters made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Durant to reconvene to Open Session. Voted 6-0 in favor.**

**Meeting reconvened to Open Session at 7:05p.m. No votes were taken during Executive Session.**

**The regular session of the East Greenwich School Committee was called to order in the Hanaford School Cafeteria at 7:05p.m. by Chair, Dr. Deidre Gifford. Those in attendance were: Mr. Robert Durant; Mrs. Jean Ann Guliano; Mrs. Susan Records; Mrs. Mary Ellen Winters; Mr. Paul Martin; as well as Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Victor Mercurio; and Director of Administration, Mrs. Maryanne Crawford. Vice-Chair Anne Palumbo was absent.**

## **I. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

**The meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.**

## **II. Public Comments-none.**

## **III. Approval of Minutes**

**a. Mrs. Winters made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Durant to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2010 Regular and Executive Session. Voted 6-0 in favor.**

## **IV. Superintendent's Report**

**Superintendent Dr. Mercurio spoke about Commissioner Gist's letter dated February 15, 2010 and discussed the improvements that are needed. Dr. Mercurio also discussed Race to the Top and noted the district needs to submit the completed scope by October 22, 2010. He noted that RIDE will offer feedback and final submission is November 12, 2010. Dr. Mercurio will update the School Committee as more information becomes available.**

## **V. Action Items**

### **a. Appointments-none**

### **b. Home School Request**

**On a motion made by Mrs. Winters and seconded by Mr. Durant, the School Committee voted unanimously to approve the following requests:**

**Grade 1 student (Frenchtown School); Grade 4 (Frenchtown School); Grade 7 (Cole); Grade K and Grade 2 (Frenchtown School).**

### **c. Out of State Field Trips**

**On a motion made by Mr. Martin and seconded by Mrs. Winters, the School Committee voted unanimously to approve the following field**

**trips:**

**East Greenwich High School, grade 9, to Massachusetts Institute of Art Auditorium on**

**November 16, 2010 and Cole Middle School trip to New York City for Grade 8 Red Team on**

**November 18, 2010.**

**d.Resignation**

**On a motion made by Mrs. Winters and seconded by Mr. Durant, the School Committee voted unanimously to approve the resignations of JoAnn Mallozzi, Advisor to the National Junior Honor Society effective 9/17/10 and Derrick Mong, Paraprofessional, Frenchtown School, effective 9/30/10.**

**e. Facility Rental Policy-second reading and vote**

**Mrs. Crawford, Director of Administration, explained the revised Facility Rental Policy. Revisions were made to outline the fees charged to the various groups using school facilities. On a motion made by Mr. Durant and seconded by Mrs. Records, the School Committee unanimously adopted the Facility Rental Policy.**

**f.Technology Committee Charge**

**The revised Technology Committee Charge was reviewed and there were minor corrections to spelling and in section #5, the word “parent” will be changed to “community.” This change will allow the district to use expertise from business people who may live in other towns. On a motion made by Mr. Durant and seconded by Mrs. Winters, the committee voted unanimously to approve the Technology Committee Charge.**

## **VI. Discussion Items**

### **a. Fields Committee Update**

The committee reviewed the Fields Committee Charge and made one change to the first sentence adding “the Superintendent or designee.” The committee discussed drafting a memo of understanding with the town which would discuss the scheduling of events on the field, the process for resolving disputes, and if there should be a chair and co-chair of the Fields Committee. Mrs. Winters noted that the town is checking on the use of cameras and signage for the field. Dr. Mercurio discussed the re-dedication of Carcieri field which is scheduled for Friday, October 22, 2010 at 6:30. He noted that Governor Carcieri has received our request to attend the re-dedication, but has not confirmed as yet.

### **b. Building Committee Update**

Mr. Ken Romeo, Strategic Building Solutions, updated the committee on the construction progress at Cole Middle School and gave a summary of items to be completed at the high school. Cole is scheduled to be completed before the April 2011 vacation even with an additional seventeen days added to the original completion date. Mr. Romeo also discussed concerns in regards to Cole neighbors and the resurfacing of the tennis and basketball courts. Mr. Winiker of Strategic Business Solutions spoke to the committee about Meadowbrook School and enrollment projections.

### **c. Progress report on high school diploma requirements**

Mr. Militelo commended Mr. Podraza on the excellent job he has done in regards to scheduling based on state requirements. Mr. Podraza

**gave the committee a progress report on the high school diploma requirements. He discussed the 2010 Commissioner's review and the gaps that were found in the diploma system. Mr. Podraza discussed the steps taken to address the issues including gap analysis, personalization with advisory, and CPT. Mr. Podraza commended Mr. Penza for the work he has done in regards to senior project and tying in cross curriculum and school-wide rubrics within the school day.**

#### **VII. School Committee Concerns**

**Mr. Martin asked the committee if candidates running for School Committee should be given an opportunity to come and ask questions of the current committee. Mrs. Guilano stated that a forum is already planned for October 18, 2010 at the Swift Community Center at 7:00p.m. Mrs. Guliano offered to email the information to committee members. Mr. Martin also brought up the subject of advertising on the school fields and Dr. Gifford noted that advertising will be addressed in the future under the field policy.**

**VIII. On a motion made by Mr. Durant and seconded by Mr. Martin, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:33p.m.**

**CHRISTINE DIMEGLIO  
SECRETARY**